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Group Art Unit: unknown
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

WO84/3988 is the English equivalent to Japanese document 59-177744 A.

Japanese document 10-31822 A corresponds with EPO document 0 801 382 A2 and

Japanese document 6-176404 A corresponds with EPO document 0 588 305 A2.

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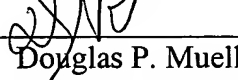
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	5,638,354	June 1997	NAKAYAMA et al.			

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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION		
						YES	NO	
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	11-162019	June 1999	Japan			Abstract		
	11-203710 A	July 1999	Japan			Partial & Abstract		
	59-177744	Oct. 1984	Japan			Abstract		
	0 973 155 A2	Jan. 2000	EPO					
	0 867 869 A2	Sept. 1998	EPO					

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